

TABLE 5	
HIGH ACCIDENT LOCATIONS	
General Location:	No. of Accidents
NC 107 at NC 116	12
NC 107 at SR 1001	8
NC 107 at SR 1002	14
NC 107 at SR 1112	5 *
NC 107 at SR 1145	7
NC 107 at SR 1325	18
NC 107 at SR 1330	6
NC 107 at SR 1350	5
NC 107 at SR 1367	5
NC 107 at SR 1724	7
SR 1002 at SR 1169	7
SR 1002 at SR 1732	11
SR 1169 at SR 1325	12

* Fatality involved

BRIDGE CLASSIFICATIONS

Bridges are a vital and unique element of a highway system. First, they represent the highest unit of investment of all elements of the system. Second, any inadequacy or defect in a bridge reduces the value of the total investment. Third, a bridge represents the greatest opportunity of all potential highway failures. Finally, and most important, a bridge represents the greatest opportunity of all highway failures for loss of life. For these reasons it is imperative that bridges be constructed to the same design standards as the highway system.

Congress enacted the National Bridge Inspection Program Standards on April 27, 1971, implementing the Federal Highway Act of 1968. These standards require that "all structures defined as bridges located on any of the Federal-Aid Highway Systems be inspected and the safe load carrying capacity computed at regular intervals, not to exceed two years."